

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
February 2026
Monthly Situation Report



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COUNTY LIFE LINES

Meaning of key Lifeline colors:

Green stabilization;

Yellow solution ID and plan of action in progress;

Red services were disrupted.

EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

County EOC:

- EOC was not activated this month.
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. Web EOC reporting monthly.

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

- None

Fire Ban Stages:

- None

Fires:

- None over 1 acre. Controlled burns in progress.

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations.
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations.
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
- Community Safety: Stabilized.

Food, Water and Shelter – Green

- Food: Normal Operations.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.
- Water: Normal Operations.
- Shelter: Normal Operations.

Health and Medical - Green

- Medical Care: Normal Operations.
- Patient Movement: Normal Operations.
- Public Health: Normal Operations.
- Hospital: Normal Operations.
- EMS: Normal Operations.

Energy, Power and Fuel - Green

- Power (Grid): Normal Operations.
- Fuel: Normal Operations.
- Natural Gas: Normal Operations.
- Propane: Normal Operations.
- CO2: Normal Operations.

Communications - Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

Transportation- Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
- Railway: None.
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.

Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations. No reported incidents.



STATE LIFE LINES

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status

Response Level 2: State EOC Activated with DHSEM Staff and Emergency Support Functions

Recovery Level 1: State Recovery Task Force Activated

Energy and Power Lifeline is **Yellow**

All other Lifelines are **Green**



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) Legislation Committee

- EM was selected and joined the Legislation Committee. We have been reviewing several bills presented in state legislation. Current some of many bills we are working on are:
 - SB26-003 End-of-Life Management of Electric Vehicle Batteries and
 - SB26-024 State & Local Unmanned Aircraft Regulation.
 - HB 26-1252 Updates to State Emergency Response Departments & Divisions

Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)

- The CEPA for 2025 is completed. Next one will be in 2028

Community Animal Response Team (CART) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- We have joined the team training together for 2026. CERT and CART will have the same monthly meetings and training held on the second Thursday of each month at 18:00 at various locations.
- This month the members had a meeting at Dove Creek where we trained on radio operations.
- Total Exercises and Events Deployed:
 - Volunteer Expo

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- Sheriff's Office, Jail, and Courthouse COOP will begin in the Spring of 2026.

Communications

- The inspection of the Dolores Tower site was on 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades. Documents submitted to USDA-FS are approved. Department of Homeland Security Grant (no match) obtained approval. Had to wait on the grant funding to re-open. RFQ was sent out for the fencing project. One vendor was selected and we will begin the project in April 2026.
- Grant submission for a new generator at the Dolores tower site through Homeland Security (SHSP) grant for \$30,800. Using a separate fiscal agent, not the county. We received the award and are waiting for final documents and approval from FEMA to begin the project.
- SW Regional Infrastructure Group have been meeting for 14 months developing a strategic regional communications infrastructure plan to enhance the 800MHz system. The group is in the final stages of completion, listing the gaps in our areas with recommendations and costs. Once this is completed, we will seek funding from the State to insure sustainability for the equipment, then we will seek funding from the federal government.
- EM began working on the SW Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan for 2026, adding San Miguel County to the document.
- EM began revising SW Communications MOU for 2026.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2025 EMPG Grant application was submitted for \$57,103. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) came out for the same grant in July. New funding for 9 months was \$48,181.
 - 1st Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$21,000.12.
 - 2nd Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$25,064.08.
 - 3rd Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$22,194.68.
 - Reimbursements approved were \$33,574.78. All reimbursements have been received.
- 2025-2026 EMPG Grant Submission: 9-month funding was submitted November 25, 2025, for the last Quarter of 2025 and two quarters for 2026. This funding was for \$48,181 and will end June 30, 2026. We received State approval to move forward.
 - 1st Qtr. 2025-2026 EMPG reimbursement was submitted for \$28,111.48

Emergency Operations Center (EOC):

- Checked all equipment.
- Remodeling Alternate EOC at the Fairgrounds. EOC electronics funding from DHS Grant is approved to move forward. Quote for equipment and installation is approved. We will begin this project in March.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

- The EM and the State are still researching funding opportunities through other grants and agencies. Cost of the project is projected at \$121,138.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)

- The 2026 IPP/TEP workshop was on January 15th and February 19th with stakeholders. EM is making changes suggested. Another meeting is scheduled for March 19th to review changes made.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- Local and Regional Emergency Planning Committee meetings were held this month. One Local meeting held this month.
- Inspections of facilities for the year completed: None

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- EM has been approved for no-match grants. These grants do not pass through the County for financial support or approval. They are an outside fiscal agent.
- Status on the projects are:
 - Communication Tower Infrastructure – \$21,040. RFQ fence and gate project will begin April 2026.
 - Alternate EOC electronics – \$29,269. Project will begin March.
 - CERT training and equipment – \$7,570. Equipment will be purchased in June for new members starting in the fall.
 - SW Regional Exercise – \$15,000. This funding was discussed at the SWAHAC Board meetings. Pending on who will be the project manager for this project.

- SHSP Generator grant - \$30,800 approved by the State, waiting on final documentation and FEMA approval.

Training/Drills:

- EM had employee training on Emergent 3 Alert and Warning system for Social Services and Public health.
- EM held EOC Staff/ESF training/Tabletop for 20 people on Power outage
- EM working with CISA and County entities on Cyber Security Exercise Planning.
- EM instructed an ICS 100/700 training for 11 county employees 2/3/26
- EM attended the 3-day Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) and attended numerous training breakout sessions.
- EM attended a Regional Pipeline exercise in Montezuma Creek on 2/25/26

2025 Stats Report

2026 Stats Report

• Total calls assigned – 51	4
• Total declarations County wide – 1	0
• Total fire bans – 1	0
• Total deployments for EM Staff – 0	0
• Total EOC activations – 1	0
• Total Alert and Warnings sent out – 769	213
• Total SAR missions – 18	1
• Total LEPC facilities inspected – 6	0
• Total Biomass facilities inspected – 4	0
• Total trainings held – 36	8
• Total EOC training held – 6	1
• Total exercises/tabletops – 9	2
• Total training certificates received – 16	1
• Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 400	60
• Total Committees/Boards representing – 24	24

- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 4 1
- Total COOP Plans Completed – 7 1
- Total plans/policies written – 17 0
- Total grants involved in – 9 9

END OF REPORT